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NEW EDUCATIONAL FM RADIO STATIONS AUTHORIZED

Four licenses and four CPs have been issued for new educational FM stations in the past two weeks. Those receiving licenses were:

WIAA, National Music Camp, Interlochen, Mich. (Sept. 27)

WSAE, Spring Arbor (Mich.) College (Sept. 27)

KUNR, Univ. of Nevada, Reno (Sept. 27)

WTSC-FM, Thomas C. Clarkson Memorial College of Technology, Potsdam, N.Y. (Oct. 4)

CPs were granted to the following:

Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., for new Class D educational FM station, to operate on 90.5 mc, with 10 w.

Univ. of Mo School of Mines & Metallurgy, Rolla, for new Class D station to operate on 88.5 mc, with 10 w.

Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Ia., for new Class D station to operate on 89.7 mc with 10 w.

Wisconsin State College and Inst. of Tech., Platteville, for new station to operate on 89.5 mc, ERP 275 w, antenna height 115 ft.

ADLER PROPOSES MODIFICATIONS IN 2500 mc RULES

On Oct. 3, the FCC invited comments to a proposal by Adler Electronics, Inc., to amend the rules governing ITV Fixed Stations so as to assign alternate channels with 6 mc separation to a single licensee in the same area, instead of the 30 mc separation between the 31 channels specified in Sect. 4.902 for such transmission.

In its petition, Adler claimed that arranging assignments in each group on alternate channels would make possible a broad-band receiver capable of receiving several channels, thus saving the cost of a separate receiver for each channel.

The Commission is particularly interested in actual experimental data on the necessary ratio of desired to undesired signals for interference-free reception when stations are operated on alternate or adjacent channels, and at other channel separations both with broad-band receivers of the type proposed by Adler and single channel receivers, also estimates of the probable range of costs of the different receivers.

SENATE PASSES NDEA EXTENSION

On Oct. 8, the Senate passed (80-4) H.R. 4955, the bill providing for a three-year extension of the National Defense Education Act, the Federally impacted areas legislation, and for an expanded vocational education program. As originally passed by the House, H.R. 4955 provided only for the expansion of the vocational program. The differences created by the Senate's addition of NDEA and impacted area extensions will now have to be resolved by a Senate-House conference committee. Normally it is necessary for the Rules committee to grant a rule before the bill can go to conference. Chm. Howard Smith (D., Va.) is known to oppose some of the expansions now contained in H.R. 4955; therefore obtaining a rule is expected to be a difficult matter.

CHANNEL 37 RESERVED FOR RADIO ASTRONOMY

By Report & Order (Oct. 4), the FCC made TV Ch. 37 available for the exclusive use of radio astronomy for a period of ten years (to Jan. 1, 1974) throughout the U.S. Ch. 37 is not being withdrawn from the table of TV broadcast assignments but, to aid and protect radio astronomy, it will not be assigned for broadcast purposes for ten years. No present TV service will be affected. There are only two cities where applications have been filed for this channel -- Paterson, N.J., and Melbourne, Fla. The Commission will propose a replacement for the Paterson assignment in its contemplated revision of the UHF assignment table which is expected to be released within the next week or two. The NAEB recommended table of assignments (based on a computer study carried out in recent months in cooperation with the FCC under a USOE contract) which will be released before the end of the month will also provide for a replacement for the Paterson channel, which had been requested for educational use. The NAEB study has also found replacement channels for Ch. 37 in Weston, W. Va. (where Ch. 37 was a part of the state plan), and other critical areas where Ch. 37 is being withdrawn.

ARTHUR SCHATZOW HEADS FCC RESEARCH & EDUCATION DIVISION

The FCC has announced the appointment of Arthur Schatzow as Chief of the Research & Education Division of the Broadcast Bureau. After service with the Dept. of Labor and the Wage Stabilization Board, he joined the FCC in 1960 and served as senior economist in the Research & Education Division until recently when he became its Acting Chief.

NEW ETV CHANNELS SOUGHT

Maryland, Alabama, and Virginia have all requested the reservation of additional channels for ETV. The Maryland State Board of Education has requested the allocation of the following channels to Maryland and their reservation for ETV: Annapolis - 53; Baltimore - 72; Cumberland - 17; Frederick - 62; and Hagerstown - 52.

The Alabama ETV Commission has requested that Ch. 25, assigned to Huntsville, be reserved for ETV use in that city.

The Advisory Council on ETV of the Commonwealth of Virginia has requested the assignment and reservation of eight UHF channels and reservation of seven existing UHF channels for ETV use in 15 communities "as a necessary and further step toward the establishment of a Commonwealthwide ETV system."

NEW ETV STATIONS

On Oct. 3, the FCC granted a CP for a new ETV station to the Regents of Eastern New Mexico University (Portales). Station to operate on Ch. *3; ERP 57.2 kw visual and 28.6 kw aural; antenna height 1,400 ft.

On Oct. 10, Hearing Examiner Kyle issued an Initial Decision looking toward granting the application of Northern Calif. ETV Assn., Inc., for a new ETV station to operate on commercial channel 9 in Redding.

INTERCITY RELAY APPROVED FOR MAINE

The Commission waived Sect. 4.631 (e) of the rules and granted applications of the University of Maine for a three-hop intercity relay system to transmit educational program material from main studio of WMEB-TV (Channel *12), Orono, to Colby-Bates-Bowdoin's noncommercial educational station WCBB-TV (Channel *10), Augusta. Though not licensed to the University, WCBB-TV will be an integral part of the State network, rebroadcasting substantially all of the programs originated at the University's Orono main studio.

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